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Chesne et al.

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For: RABBIT NUCLEAR CLONING METHOD
AND USES THEREOF

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed November 9, 2006, setting forth a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

I. Claims 1-45 and 51-56, drawn to a method for producing nonhuman mammalian embryos, a nonhuman embryo, a progeny, an in-vitro method for cloning a nonhuman mammal by nuclear transfer, a method for producing rabbit embryos, a rabbit embryo, an in-vitro reconstructed rabbit embryo, a progeny, and an in-vitro method of cloning rabbits.

II. Claims 46, 47, 49 and 50, drawn to a method for producing a recombinant protein by a transgenic mammal, and a method of using a transgenic animal to produce recombinant proteins.

III. Claim 48 drawn to a method of studying human pathology.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, corresponding to claims 1-45 and 51-56, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application corresponding to the non-elected claims.

In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicants' Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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